

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-14 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) A copyright licensing process promoting apparatus for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data transmitted via a communication network, comprising:

detecting means for detecting a file of the literary work data being transmitted from a terminal unit to the communication network;

content determining means for determining whether a content of the file being transmitted to the communication network and detected by said detecting means is valid; and

file processing means for performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted to the communication network when a result of said content determining means is not valid.

--2. (Amended) The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

searching means for searching for a location on a predetermined list, referenced via the communication network, at which the file of the literary work data is stored,

wherein said detecting means detects the file being transmitted, the file being stored at the location searched by

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said searching means.

--3. (Amended) The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when said content determining means determines that the content of the file is not valid, the content of the file is caused to be destroyed.

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--4. (Amended) The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

literary work data determining means for determining whether the content of the file being transmitted is literary work data; and

copyright licensing process determining means for determining whether a copyright licensing process has been performed for the literary work data,

wherein said content determining means determines that the content of the file is valid corresponding to a result of said literary work data determining means and result of said copyright licensing process determining means, and said literary work data determining means represents that the content of the file is literary work data and said copyright licensing process determining means represents that the copyright licensing process has not been performed for the file.

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--7. (Amended) The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

informing means for informing a user of the terminal unit that the content of the file is not valid when a result of said content determining means represents that the content of the file is not valid,

wherein said file processing means performs the predetermined process when the terminal unit tries to transmit the file although said informing means has informed the user that the content of the file is not valid.

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--8. (Amended) A copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data transmitted via a communication network, comprising the steps of:

detecting a file of literary work data being transmitted from a terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether a content of the file being transmitted to the communication network and detected at the step of detecting is valid;

and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when a result at the step of determining represents that the content of the file is not valid.

--9. (Amended) A copyright licensing process promoting program causing a computer device to perform a copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data transmitted via a

communication network, comprising the steps of:

detecting a file of literary work data being transmitted from a terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether a content of the file being transmitted to the communication network and detected at the step of detecting is valid;

and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when a result at the step of determining represents that the content of the file is not valid.

--10. (Amended) The copyright licensing process promoting program as set forth in claim 9,

wherein the copyright licensing process promoting program is supplied from the communication network to the terminal unit.

--13. (Amended) A record medium on which a computer readable copyright licensing process promoting program is recorded, the program causing a computer device to perform a copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data transmitted via a communication network, comprising the steps of:

detecting a file of literary work data being transmitted from a terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether a content of the file being transmitted to the communication network and detected at the step of detecting is valid;

and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when a result at the step of determining represents that the content of the file is not valid.

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canceled --14. (Amended) A record medium on which a computer readable copyright licensing process promoting program is recorded along with literary work data, the program causing a computer device to perform a copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for the literary work data transmitted via a communication network, the program comprising the steps of:

detecting a file of literary work data being transmitted from a terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether a content of the file being transmitted to the communication network and detected at the step of detecting is valid;

and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when a result at the step of determining represents that the content of the file is not valid.
